

DISCUSSION OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 19, 30, 32 and 35-40 are active in the present application. Claims 1-18, 20-29, 31 and 33-34 are canceled claims. Independent Claim 19 is amended herein to include the limitations of previously pending Claim 22. Claims 35-38 are presently withdrawn from prosecution. Claims 39 and 40 are rewritten in independent form.

No new matter is added.

REMARKS

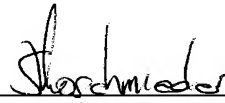
Applicants thank the Office for acknowledging that the subject matter of Claims 22 and 39-40 is allowable over the prior art of record. Independent Claim 19 is amended herein to include the limitations of Claim 22. Claims 39 and 49 are rewritten in independent form. Applicants submit that the amendment to the claims places all now-pending claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 30, 35 and 37-38 are presently withdrawn from active prosecution. Applicants submit that rejoinder and allowance of the withdrawn claims is now appropriate in view of the amendment to the claims placing the independent claims from which the withdrawn dependent claims depend in condition for allowance.

For the reasons discussed above in detail, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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